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Report of Local Executive Board

The following report is condensed from the quarterly reports to the State Board of Education for the past year.

The members of the Board have continued their interest in the School's welfare during this past year. We have noticed a steady improvement and are satisfied with the way the School is operating.

We feel the general public is becoming more interested in the activities at the School. This is shown by the increase in the number of awards and scholarships presented by the local organizations. The auditorium is usually filled to capacity when the programs are held, and from time to time the students are called upon to appear on programs at various local clubs. This promotes good will and a better understanding of the training these children are receiving.

The need for additional classrooms still exists and this condition will become worse if the enrollment continues to increase each year as it has done in the past.

Local Executive Board of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

Geordies K. Kotz, President
John E. Warner, Secretary
Art Jardine, Member.

Superintendent's Report

OCTOBER 1956

The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind opened Wednesday, September 5, 1955. Enrollment now stands at 107 with two new pupils to come in October. This represents a net increase of twelve students in the last two years. Enrollment in the department for the deaf is 75 compared to 72 in 1955. Enrollment in the department for the blind is 34 compared to 25 in 1955.

Fourteen new children were given thorough physicals and all tests were negative.

PHYSICAL PLANT

The shops are all located in the new vocational building and the former shop space has been converted into attractive dormitories for younger girls. Two years ago we had to refuse admission to two girls because of lack of dormitory space. We now have dormitory space that should be adequate for several years.

The increased enrollment of young children presents a serious classroom problem. Our classrooms average 15 feet by 19 feet. A classroom for primary children should have toilet facilities and some room for activity periods. We have had to put classes in rooms which were previously used for activities such as finger painting and so on. Six year old blind children who were premature do not have the control necessary to go down stairs and travel three hundred feet to a wash room. We have added a toilet in the previous shop area thus cutting down the distance to approximately one hundred feet. This has not entirely relieved the situation. There is an increasing need for about eight modern classrooms for younger children, four in the department for the blind and four in the department for the deaf.

We had expected to ask the 1957 Legislature for funds to replace the roof of the main building. This roof was installed in 1936 with a ten year guarantee. It was well maintained and roofers expected it to last until the summer of 1957. For some reason the last winter cracked the roof beyond simple repair. The State Board of Examiners authorized replacement with a new roof which carries a twenty year guarantee, upon the advice of the State Engineer. The roof is now in place at a cost of $4,284.00. Fortunately our Interest and Income funds were above expectation so we do not expect to have to ask for supplementary appropriations.

The State Highway Department has informed us that they will take twenty feet off of the north side of the school grounds in order to widen the highway from two lanes to four lanes from the city limits to Malmstrom Air

Force Base. This will shorten the present play area. To compensate for this the Highway department has offered to build a new driveway across the grounds so we can fence the present driveway and allow our children to use it for tricycles and skates. The new driveway will be extended to allow an exit on Central Avenue on the south. It will not be possible to leave the grounds on the north in four lane traffic making a left turn to go to town. The Central Avenue exit will also provide us an emergency fire run which the city fire department will appreciate.

The State Board of Examiners now has the Highway Department's offer under advisement. Mr. Henry Evans of the State Engineer's Office has checked the proposal and he feels it is fair to all concerned.

We have an opportunity to acquire a hospital barracks from Malmstrom Air Force Base. This is of very good construction. Mr. Evans of the State Engineer's Office has checked the building which is 35' x 150' and he feels it would be good business to accept the building, move it to the school and use half of it for salvage. Moving would cost less than nine hundred dollars and the part used for salvage would produce over two thousand dollars in materials which we can use. We wish to set up a portion of the ward room for a teacherage. Funds are available from legacies and donations to take care of the remodeling. It will make a very pleasing cottage.

At the September meeting of the parents of blind children, they offered assistance in acoustic tiling of our music room. The offer was accepted gladly because a contractor could hold the cost under two hundred dollars which we could not do. Three nights later Mr. Harold Leigland, one of the contractors, had the work done. Only then did we realize the parents had thought they were to pay for the job.

We have filled and drained some of the playground area in the past, using dirt from excavations. This has necessitated a great deal of raking and picking up of shale rock. At the present time thousands of yards of dirt are being stripped from city streets in a paving project. This is free from shale. Mr. Lyman Threet, secretary of our Local Executive Board, has arranged for Nelson-Smith Construction Company to supply us with enough of this dirt to completely grade our grounds next spring.

STAFF

We are fortunate in the quality of our household and teaching staff. The few new members have received wholehearted assistance from the experienced members and there has been no lag in getting the year's program under way.

Shortly before the opening of school Mrs. Lillie Aamoth, teacher of the blind, broke her hip. We asked Mrs. Helen Roberts to take Mrs. Aamoth's place on a substitute basis until she could come back. Mrs. Roberts is an experienced teacher. She holds a master's degree and has had a number

of courses in child psychology. She had several years of experience in the Mental Hygiene Clinic. Mrs. Roberts has much to offer us and we hope that when the next opening occurs on our teaching staff we can interest her in a permanent position.

STUDENTS

The older students have started programs of camping, skating, swimming and bowling under faculty sponsorship. The City Recreation Department has again made available the service of a teacher for square dancing. Civic organizations have started scheduling programs to be carried out during the year.

A number of parents of younger blind children have managed transfers to Great Falls so their children can be at home every night. This is extremely important to the child, especially in the case of the premature child. The organization of the parents have written to parents of blind children from other towns and secured permission to take their children out for frequent week ends.

At the present time all but four of our blind children are attending Sunday School at local churches. Laymen take care of the transportation. By the end of the month we expect to have all blind children attending public Sunday School services. It is necessary to have parental consent in this matter.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

The State Fire Marshal's report came too late to be included in our last report. A copy follows:

State Board of Examiners
State of Montana
Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

Re: Montana State School for Deaf and Blind

Gentlemen:

Herewith the 1956 report of the inspection of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, Great Falls, Montana, inspected by Albert S. Adair, Deputy State Fire Marshal, accompanied by William Fenton, Inspector for the Great Falls Fire Department and Mr. Harris, the Superintendent.

This school is going forward and much improvement has been made in the past year.

Recommendations set forth in the 1955 report have been complied with. Equipment in the lower floor of the main building, used for vocational training has been moved to the new building.

This school is well maintained, good housekeeping prevails. Only a few minor suggestions and matters were discussed, all in line of furnishing better fire protection for the school and safety for the occupants.

I wish to again express our appreciation to Mr. Harris and his personnel for the cooperation received when making the inspection.

Very truly yours,
John J. Holmes
State Auditor & Ex Officio
Commissioner of Insuarnce
By: Albert S. Adair
Deputy State Fire Marshal

We appreciate the assistance given us by the State Fire Marshal and by the Great Falls Fire Department in discussing our safety problems, both immediate and long range.

JANUARY, 1957
STUDENTS

The student population is 108 this year. The enrollment divides as follows:

Deaf	Girls	34	Blind	Girls	18
Deaf	Boys	39	Blind	Boys	17
		73			35

Last year at the same time the enrollment divided as follows:

Deaf	Boys	36	Blind	Girls	15
Deaf	Girls	31	Blind	Boys	15
		67			30

This is an increase of eleven over the school population at the same date last year. Two additional are expected to enroll after the holidays, having encountered difficulty in public school. Increased enrollment will cause some increase in the operational cost of the school.

Students at the school have had a very satisfactory fall scholastically. We expect most students to show satisfactory progress when achievement tests are given in the latter part of January.

Various interested groups have visited the school and learned something of the type of work done here. We, particularly, appreciated having student nurses and other like groups to become fully acquainted with the school as they can help us in locating children who should be here and also in checking over children at distant points. Many children do not speak because of low mentality and unless nurses and welfare workers understand the difference between a child who is deaf and a child who is mentally deficient there is a misunderstanding which may prevent the child being properly placed at the proper time. For example: a small deaf boy entered school this fall at seven years of age. He had become deaf after he started to speak and because he retained some words his parents and a physician assumed that he still heard. His difficulty was not recognized until he had gone to school and been checked by a nurse who had become familiar with this school.

Some of our children have put on programs for different groups and for clubs. All students in the Blind Department now attend the Sunday School

of their parents choice in town. This is a good arrangement from the standpoint of teaching the children to integrate with normal children as they will have to do after leaving this school. It serves another purpose in teaching a part of the public that the blind child is a very interesting member of a group and that he has various abilities such as that of music which are outstanding.

Every year a Christmas program is arranged at the school for the pleasure of the children and for the benefit of parents who come in to take the children home for the holidays. All school functions are open to the public and the small auditorium is always filled to capacity. This year Mrs. Viola McDowell was in charge of the program, assisted by all teachers and staff members. A number of scenes relative to the Christmas Season were prepared and designated as "Living Christmas Cards." These were dedicated to those who have assisted the school during the past year. The idea seemed to draw considerable interest. A musical program was prepared for the radio broadcast on Christmas Eve.

HEALTH

Since our students are in frequent contact with the public it is inevitable that they will be subjected to the same childhood diseases. One girl contracted measles at Sunday School. All children whose records did not show they had had measles were given Gamma Globulin after a suitable period of incubation and the other cases of measles were correspondingly light.

The information contained on the application blanks for the entrance of children are only correct up to the time they are filled out and it is difficult to keep them strictly up-to-date because of the failure of parents to report communicable diseases during vacation time. Our school physician has prepared a rather complete questionnaire which he plans to send parents of our younger children which will give him more information regarding the early history of the child and his health. It will be interesting to see how well such a project can be carried out. If it benefits one child it will not be a total loss.

LEGISLATION

No school for the deaf or for the blind in the United States charges tuition to the citizens of the state served by the school. The reason for this is such schools are educational and their function is to prepare the students as useful citizens instead of letting them become custodial cases. Quite often some person asks why parents should not pay tuition for the child attending a boarding school. The answer is that the child capable of receiving an education is entitled to an education and in the case of a deaf or a blind child it is cheaper for the state to have him at a boarding school than it is to send teachers out to the individual child.

APRIL, 1957

GRADUATION

Commencement exercises will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 4. Three students from the department for the deaf and three from the department for the blind will receive twelfth grade diplomas. Those who will graduate are as follows:

John Bird, Great Falls, Department for the Blind

Robert Bricks, Great Falls, Department for the Deaf

Guy Clawson, Anaconda, Department for the Blind

Ramona Jensen, Joliet, Department for the Deaf

Morris Miller, Livingston, Department for the Blind

Jane Whitsell, Great Falls, Department for the Deaf

The State Rehabilitation Department will have preliminary arrangements made for these students before the close of school. All of these young people have a rather clear idea of what they expect to do after graduation.

STUDENTS

Student activities were reported in detail in January. Since the Christmas Holidays achievement tests have been administered and progress has been quite satisfactory.

HEALTH

One boy developed a case of mumps after the Christmas Holidays and a number of other children have since developed cases. Our records have been a help in this matter because we knew which children to watch and all cases have been mild with no complications. There is always the exception that proves the rule and one boy who had previously had mumps developed them again but his case was noted in the earliest stages and there were no complications.

Our school doctor has prepared a very thorough questionnaire regarding the early history of the children and we have mailed the blanks to the parents of our youngest children. When these are returned they will be evaluated and we expect the result will be sufficiently worth while to warrant having the parents of the older children fill out similar blanks.

STAFF

At the present time we do not expect to lose any of our teachers, except Mrs. Florence Grimes who returned to us on a temporary basis for the present year until one of our own graduates, Mary Louise Kennedy, completes her degree at Northern Montana College of Education. This young lady took practice teaching at this school and we expect her to make an outstanding teacher.

We expect to have to add one teacher of the deaf this year. The teachers all understand that the budgeting for this teacher will not allow for as large raises as we had hoped would be possible.

In the household staff Mrs. Miller, part time laundry helper, plans to retire at the close of the fiscal year.

Our house parents have no desire to establish anything like a forty hour work week. They feel they are taking the place of the children's parents and they prefer to be responsible for their own groups most of the time.

During the past year Mrs. Lenore Powell has had the younger blind girls and Mrs. Maizie Richards has had the younger deaf girls. On one day each week one of these ladies take the responsibility for the whole group and in the evenings when the children are put to bed the dormitories are close enough together so one of the ladies can be responsible while the other may have the evening off. This program has worked out most satisfactory and we are planning to have Mrs. Emily Arnaud and Mrs. Mae Smith take the same arrangement with the small deaf boys and the small blind boys. At the present time Mrs. Smith has been relieving with younger boys, in the dining room and in the hospital. We plan to advance Mrs. Smith from relief woman to small boys house mother and then make one relief position which combines the part time help in the laundry with the hospital and dining room relief. All of our household staff have been very interested in the development of the program with the younger girls and they are most enthusiastic at the prospect of having the same thing for the younger boys. They all understand that the salary for the difference between Mrs. Miller's part time position and the full time relief woman must come out of the budget for household salaries and they feel that this arrangement will be to their advantage because it will relieve a friction point among the younger children. When the boys and girls reach the advanced department, the deaf help the blind and the blind do many favors for the deaf. Younger children have not learned cooperation and toleration. Also, the younger children have more need of personal contact and attention from their housemothers.

It is a pleasure to head a staff which places the interest of the children first.

BUDGET

A special appropriation of $3,000.00 was made for the purchase of land. We have the same figure in our present budget. One of these appropriations will revert. It depends on whether the land can be purchased before June 30 or after July 1, 1957.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

The fire marshal's report was received in July and a copy was included in our October report. All recommendations have been carried out.

JULY, 1957

GRADUATION

The six members of our graduating class had the honor of receiving their twelfth grade diplomas from Miss Harriet Miller, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Commencement address was given by Dr. Arthur E. Westwell and an open house was held after the ceremonies.

Awards and scholarships totaling four hundred and twenty dollars were presented by representatives of Rotana Club, the Heisey Foundation, the Social Order of Beaucceant and the Civitan Club.

FINANCES

State books cannot be closed and audited until all claims for the fiscal year have been processed. It is now evident that we are safely within our appropriations.

The State Purchasing Department has continued to secure surplus foods for the school under the Federal Price Support Program. The Donable Property Division of the State Superintendent's office has made available many items which we have been able to use to advantage at considerable savings. These two programs have enabled us to take care of a number of repairs, including a four thousand dollar roofing job without asking for supplementary appropriations.

We have not yet been able to acquire title to the narrow strip of land adjacent to the south line of the school grounds and the original appropriation of three thousand dollars for this purchase will revert. In place of continuing this appropriation the last legislature made a new appropriation of three thousand dollars which will be continued in effect through the present biennium in case the title is cleared during that time.

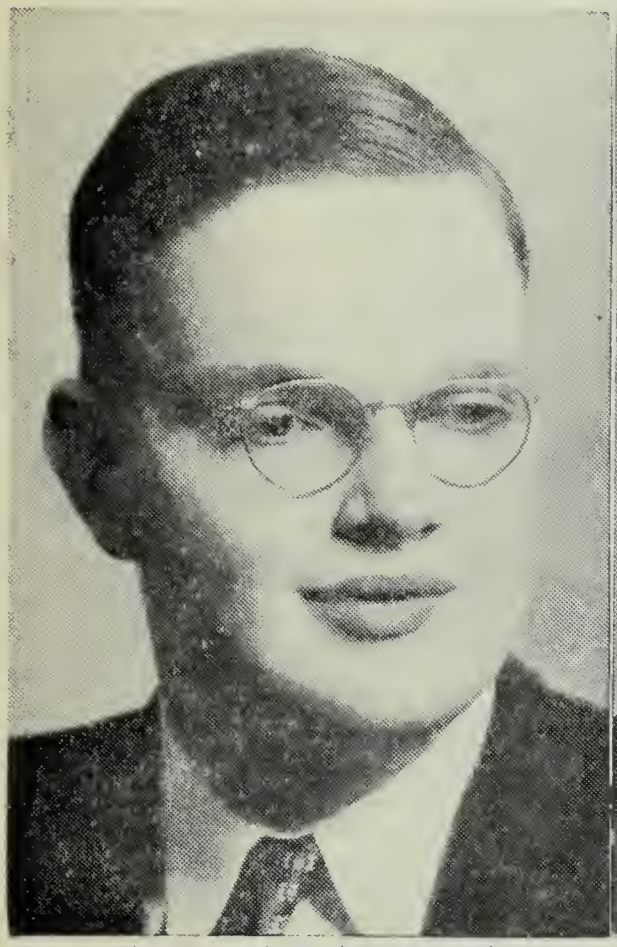
APPRECIATION

We appreciate the willingness of the staff members to give the children more than the necessary care and education, especially when it has involved volunteer use of free time in arranging outings. It has been a pleasure to have outsiders attend to taking all blind children and some of the deaf to the churches of their choice.

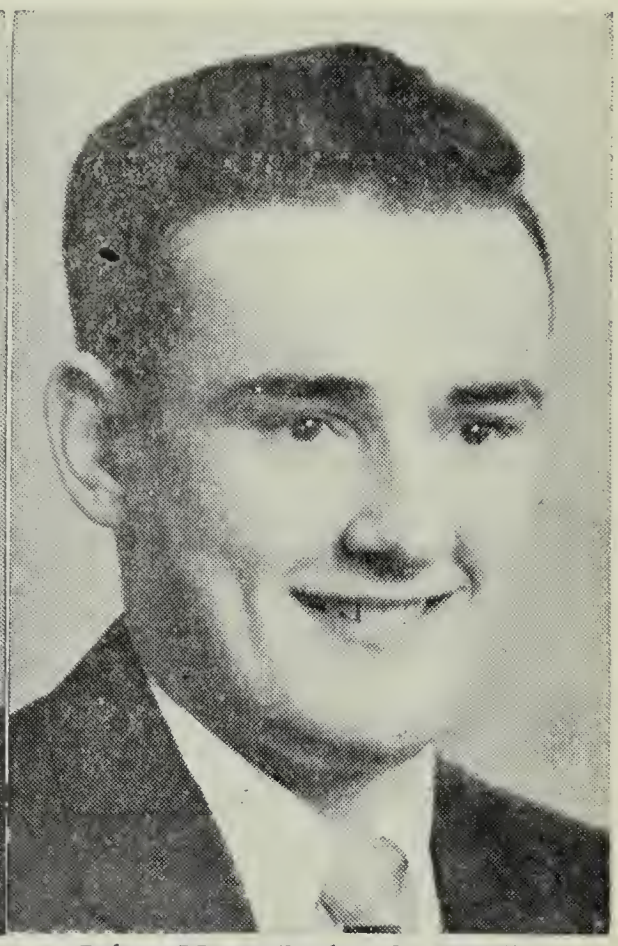
We have appreciated the assistance of organizations and of individuals in financial assistance, especially when those persons have consulted with staff members to see how they can best use their funds to benefit the children.

The members of the Local Executive Board have given freely of their time to consideration of operational problems. An especial word of appreciation is due to Mrs. Kotz for taking time for visits during the day. It is excellent for the morale of staff members to have someone who is not on the staff to visit occasionally and to take time to notice improvements. Too often around institutions staff members develop the feeling that no one is interested in their problems until they register complaints. Casual visits by a Board member do much to eliminate such negative attitudes.

1957 Graduates



John Kenneth Bird, *Great Falls*



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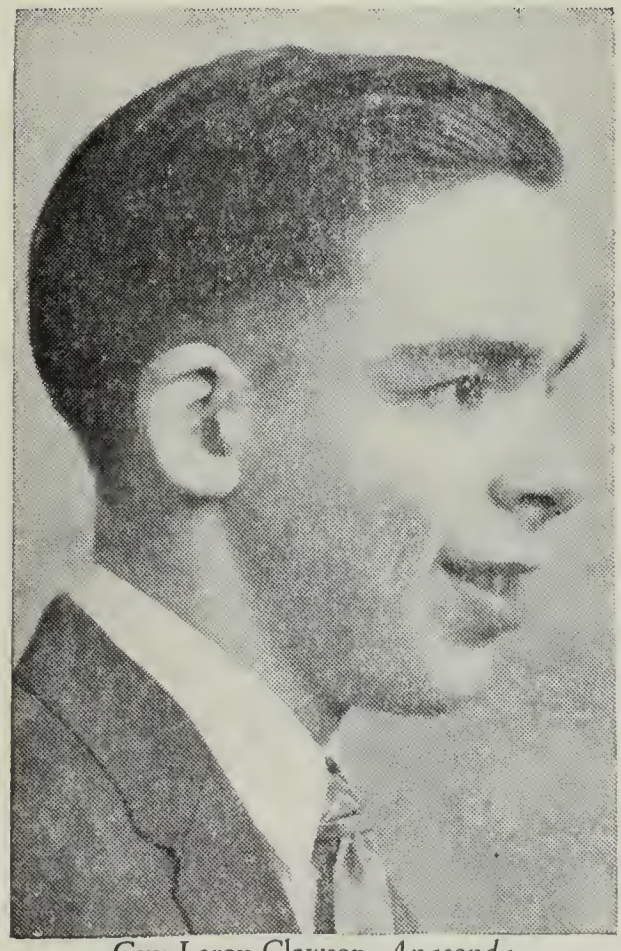
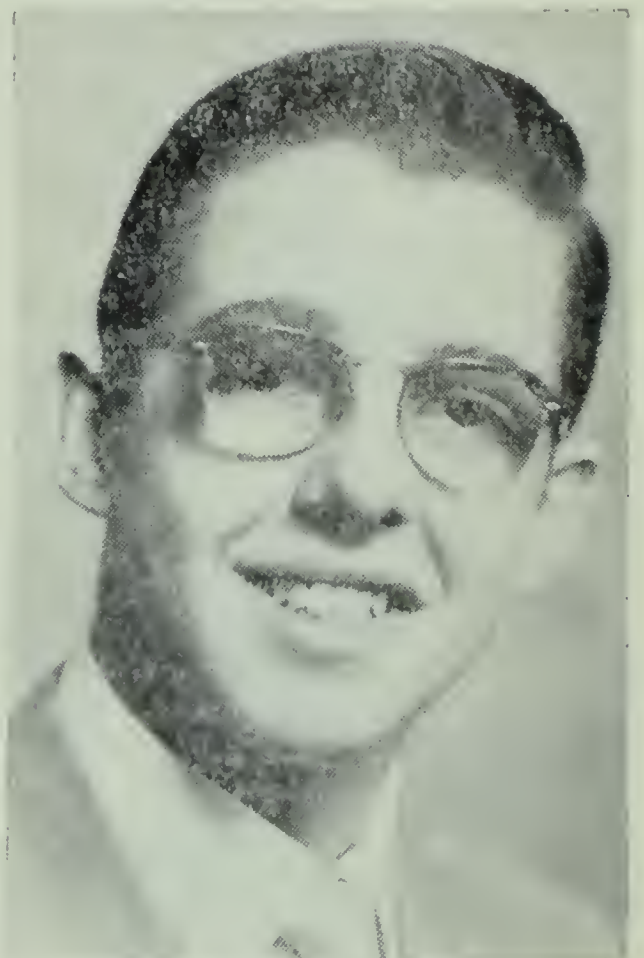


Guy Leroy Clawson, *Anaconda*

1957 Graduates

Jane Carolyn Whitsell, *Great Falls*

Ramona May Jensen, *Billings*



Morris Jack Miller, *Livingston*

Hospital Report

1956 — 1957

Total Treated in School Hospital by Months

MONTH	OUT PATIENTS	BED PATIENTS	DAYS
Sept. 1956	654	9	30
Oct. 1956	696	12	33
Nov. 1956	643	11	53
Dec. 1956	368	29	118
Jan. 1957	611	6	17
Feb. 1957	751	13	68
Mar. 1957	973	14	87
Apr. 1957	879	7	38
May 1957	856	7	43
June 1957	20	0	0
	6451	108	487

14 new entrants were given complete physical examinations. All tests were negative.

All children were weighed once a month and their height measured in September and the last of May.

17 children were given codliver oil from October 23 to March 16.

3 children had warts removed, 1 from the hand, 2 from their feet. 1 child had 3 moles removed.

6 children were taken to the Clinic for polio shots. All but one were for booster shots.

2 children were taken to the Clinic for gamma globulin shots as a prophylactic for red measles.

We had 7 cases of red measles, 15 cases of mumps, and 5 cases of pink eye with the resident children.

The house-mothers cooperated during our epidemic in December by caring for 16 children who were kept in their dormitories for a total of 43 days.

1 child had surgery on a big toe for a nail infection of long standing.

1 child injured a finger in shop and was taken to the Clinic for surgical care.

1 child was taken to the Clinic after a fall on the playground; no serious injury. Later she was taken to the Clinic for removal of a cyst inside her lower lip.

1 child was taken to the Crippled Children's Clinic — followed by x-ray pictures of neck and chest.

6 children had eye refractions with changes in lenses or new glasses for 3 of them.

16 children were taken to the dentist for 7 extractions, 21 fillings, 1 inlay replaced and 4 had teeth cleaned.

3 children were given supplementary lunches for 5 months.

The above information submitted by Esther T. Johnson, School Nurse.

Physician's Report

Great Falls Clinic
Great Falls, Montana
June 1, 1957

Department of Pediatrics

Mr. Glenn I. Harris
Superintendent
Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
Great Falls, Montana

Dear Mr. Harris:

It has been a real pleasure this year to take care of the children at the School. They have all been a real challenge as well as encouragement for good medical care.

One accomplishment that I would like to get in the record for the year is the new system of a complete history on every child in the school. It will be of untold value in estimating the physical status and the progressive health of each child. It will also make our records more complete.

The very best summer to you and all of the children.

Very sincerely,
Joseph Brinkley, M.D.

Student Population

County	Name	Age	Class	Town
Beaverhead	Karen Huffman	8	Deaf	Dillon
Big Horn	Alvin Birdhat	11	Deaf	Lame Deer
Big Horn	*Patricia Breen	9	Blind	Hardin
Big Horn	Loretha Risingsun	12	Deaf	Hardin
Blaine	*Donald Annis	8	Deaf	Chinook
Blaine	Janet Kessner	12	Blind	Chinook
Cascade	Victor Adams	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Fred Bass	17	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	John Bird	19	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Louise Beach	8	Blind	Fairfield
Cascade	Donna Boyer	9	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Robert Bricks	21	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Orva Daniel	6	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Betty Dawkins	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Sheri Ann Eckhardt	8	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Robert Ellesch	9	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Carol Gosso	15	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Donald Hall	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Thomas Harper	12	Deaf	Vaughn
Cascade	Patricia Hennings	8	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Katherine Hensley	15	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Jeffery Hutton	8	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Lyle Johnson	12	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Robert Klessig	16	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Wendy LeBlanc	14	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Harold Leigland	10	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	*Gary McManus	7	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	James Mullins	8	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	James Murphy	7	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	*Anita Nelson	7	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	James Pedersen	16	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Douglas Pederson	7	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Roy Price	19	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Billy Rowland	15	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Gary Sander	17	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Karen Short	18	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Gary Taylor	8	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Nancy Upton	13	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Eddie VanTighem	16	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Bonnie Wheeler	16	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Jane Whitsell	20	Deaf	Great Falls
Custer	Micheal Root	9	Blind	Miles City

Dawson	Hildegrade Fix	19	Blind	Glendive
Dawson	Sharon Skogas	16	Deaf	Lindsay
Deer Lodge	Guy Clawson	13	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	*Robert Flink	17	Deaf	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Daffney Kohler	18	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Kenneth Menahan	18	Deaf	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Mary Susan Morse	12	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Chris Spurlock	19	Deaf	Anaconda
Fergus	*Gunnar Hain	7	Blind	Lewistown
Fergus	Forrest Parker	14	Blind	Lewistown
Flathead	Denzel McDowell	19	Deaf	Whitefish
Flathead	Kenneth Pahrman	18	Blind	Whitefish
Flathead	Sharon Pahrman	10	Blind	Whitefish
Flathead	Joan Polson	13	Blind	Kalispell
Flathead	Sandra Polson	11	Blind	Kalispell
Flathead	David Wise	12	Deaf	Kalispell
Gallatin	Dorothy Dunn	12	Blind	Bozeman
Gallatin	Edie LaPalme	12	Blind	Bozeman
Gallatin	Mary Ann Smith	15	Deaf	Manhattan
Gallatin	Joey Toohey	9	Blind	Belgrade
Hill	David Herbold	9	Deaf	Hingham
Hill	Joyce McSloy	12	Deaf	Havre
Lewis and Clark	Conrad Chippewa	15	Blind	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Patsy Chippewa	12	Blind	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Sylvia Chippewa	10	Blind	Helena
Lewis and Clark	*Nancy Chop	11	Deaf	Helena
Liberty	Rolph Foster	19	Deaf	Joplin
Lincoln	*Dennis Hall	8	Deaf	Troy
Madison	David Davis	15	Deaf	Twin Bridges
Mineral	*Anita Sides	6	Deaf	Superior
Mineral	Thomas Sides	17	Deaf	Superior
Missoula	Russell Kellmer	16	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Patrick Morris	8	Blind	Missoula
Missoula	Robert Tabish	18	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Sally Wolfe	13	Deaf	Missoula
Park	Vivian Menefee	8	Deaf	Livingston
Park	Morris Miller	18	Blind	Livingston
Park	Juanita Roup	18	Deaf	Livingston
Park	Jerry Williams	9	Deaf	Livingston
Pondera	Lee Ann McLane	9	Deaf	Conrad
Pondera	Yvonne Moon	11	Deaf	Valier

Stillwater	Donna Maher	13	Deaf	Reed Point
Toole	Dorothy Kanning	12	Deaf	Dunkirk
Toole	Elizabeth Kanning	11	Deaf	Dunkirk
Toole	Leslie Sherrard	9	Deaf	Ledger
Toole	Sandra Sherrard	7	Deaf	Ledger
Valley	Tommy Oderman	13	Deaf	Glasgow
Wheatland	*Glenn Chamberlin	13	Blind	Harlowton
Yellowstone	James Aldrich	8	Blind	Billings
Yellowstone	Linda Berness	8	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Karen Brown	17	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Floyd Friez	7	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Robert Gililland	11	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Ramona Jensen	19	Deaf	Joliet
Yellowstone	*Robert Wilkerson	8	Blind	Billings
Yellowstone	Larry Weese	18	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Lillian Wittman	12	Deaf	Huntley
Yellowstone	Bette Wolfe	10	Deaf	Billings
Ravalli	Leslie Peterson	14	Deaf	Stevensville
Richland	Irene Ulshafer	16	Deaf	Sidney
Rosebud	Ellen Polley	9	Blind	Forsyth
Roosevelt	*Jerry Kuehne	6	Deaf	Wolf Point
Roosevelt	*Donald Maynard	11	Deaf	Wolf Point
Sheridan	Julie Miller	11	Deaf	Westby
Silver Bow	*Jennie Emery	13	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	James Junior	15	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	Sharon Maki	17	Deaf	Butte

*New Students

General Information

HISTORY: The School for the Deaf and Blind was established in September, 1893, and until 1937 was located in Boulder, on the same campus as the State Training School. In October, 1937 the school was separated from the Training School and moved to new quarters in Great Falls.

LOCATION: The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind is situated at the eastern city limits of Great Falls. Highway 87 and 89 pass the school at 38th street. The address is 3800 Second Avenue North.

PURPOSE: The school is maintained by the state under the direction of the State Board of Education for the education of children too deaf or too blind to make satisfactory progress in the public schools.

AGE: Pupils between the ages of 6 and 18 are eligible for admittance but no student who has completed high school may be enrolled.

TRAINING: The department for the deaf is conducted by a staff of well-trained experienced teachers. Lip reading and speech are the chief methods of instruction. In addition to regular school subjects offered in all grades through 12, vocational training is provided. Among trades taught deaf boys are: printing, woodworking, shoe repairing, leather work; to girls: sewing, dressmaking, domestic science and typewriting.

The School for the Blind is equipped to give academic instruction either in the Braille or sight-saving department. Vocational training and music are on the curriculum.

RESIDENCE: The institution is a boarding school, and is in session from the second Wednesday in September until the second Wednesday in June with exception of Christmas holidays. Day pupils are admitted, but all students are entitled to free board and room.

COST: There is no cost for tuition, books, living expenses or care. Parents are expected to provide transportation for pupils, clothing and approximately $20 per year for incidental expenses such as shoe repairs, haircuts, toothpaste, etc. Section 1463, Chapter 29 of the Revised codes of Montana provides for county assistance for indigent families.

ADMISSION: Pupils are admitted on trial subject to their physical and mental ability to receive instruction. Upon request, an application blank will be provided by the school. The application must be completely filled out and returned together with a certificate of good health and freedom from contagious or infectious diseases. A transcript of credits or letters from teacher or principal is also required when the pupil is transferred from the public schools.

HEALTH: A resident nurse is on duty at the school at all times and a clinic is provided for children who are ill. Ordinary medical care is provided free and operations and extended treatment must be paid for by parents.

RECREATION: Pupils are given an opportunity for three hours of physical training weekly under direction. Recreation ground and rooms are provided, and school parties, moving pictures and other entertainments are scheduled regularly. Pupils enjoy skating, hiking, basketball, and many other types of recreation. Radios, phonographs and pianos are placed in recreation rooms.

CLOTHING: Uniforms or special clothing are not required. Every garment must be plainly marked in indelible ink or by means of woven name tapes which may be obtained at department stores or mail order houses. Linens, bedding and towels are provided by the school. A list of suggested clothing may be obtained upon request. Clothing is laundered at the school.

GENERAL CARE: Supervisors are employed at the school who serve as housemothers and counsellors. Nourishing, well balanced meals are served. There is plenty of milk, butter, vegetables, meat, potatoes and other wholesome food.

VISITORS: Parents, relatives and friends may visit their children as often as they wish. Other visitors are welcomed on school days (Monday through Friday) between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. Groups of persons desiring to visit the school may come at the other times by special arrangement. Pupils may go out during weekends, or after school hours with parents, relatives or friends by advising us in advance. However, no pupil is permitted to go except with parents, unless we have written permission from home.

For further information write to:

Glenn I. Harris, President
School for the Deaf and Blind

Calendar of Events

September 5, Wednesday — School opens
September 6, Thursday — Classes begin
October 19, Friday — First 6-weeks' marking period
October 26, Friday — Halloween Costume
Committee: Miss Rankin, Mr. Eriksen, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Grimes
Ocotber 27, Saturday — Magic Show
November 17, Saturday — Thanksgiving Party
Committee: Mr. Kolander, Mrs. Woerner, Mrs. Richter, Mrs. Aamoth
November 21, Wednesday — No school after noon
November 22, Thursday — Thanksgiving Holiday thru Sunday
November 25, Sunday — Children return
November 26, Monday — Classes resume
November 30, Friday — Second 6-weeks' marking period
December 10, Monday — Gallaudet Day
Program, 10 a.m., Miss Davisson
December 19, Wednesday — Elks Program
December 20, Thursday — Christmas Program
Miss Koetitz (music) and Mrs. McDowell (pageant) co-chairmen. All teachers in both depts. members of committee
December 21, Friday — No school, Vacation begins
January 6, Sunday — Children return
January 7, Monday — Classes resume
January 19, Saturday — Winter Party
Committee: Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Czernicki, Miss Koetitz, Mr. McDowell
January 29, 30 — Mid-Year Examinations
January 31, February 1 — Metropolitan Achievement Tests
February 1, Friday — Third 6-weeks' marking period
February 23, Saturday — Washington's Party
Committee: Mrs. Eriksen, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Ritcher
March 15, Friday — Fourth 6-weeks' marking period
March 16, Saturday — St. Patrick's Party
Committee: Mr. Altop, Miss Davisson, Mrs. Grimes, Miss Koetitz
April 13, Saturday — Jeans Party
Committee: Mrs. Garretson, Mr. LeMieux, Mrs. Aamoth, Mr. McDowell
April 19, Friday — Good Friday
No school after Thursday noon
April 21, Sunday — Easter
Children home
April 22, Monday — Children return
April 23, Tuesday — Classes resume
April 26, Friday — Fifth 6-week's marking period
April 29, 30 — Stanford Achievement Tests
May 3, Friday — Musical Dept. for the Blind
May 7, Tuesday — Arbor Day
Mr. Garretson and Mr. McDowell

May 22, Wednesday	Field Day Mr. Czernicki, Chairman, All men faculty
May 30, Thursday	Memorial Day, No school
May 31, Friday	Final Examinations begin
June 2, Sunday	Baccalaureate
June 3, Monday	Complete Final Examinations
June 4, Tuesday	Final 6-weeks' marking period
June 4, Tuesday	Commencement
June 5, Wednesday	School closes for summer

Daily Schedule

Rise	6:30 a.m.
Breakfast	7:15 a.m.
School	9:00 a.m.
Recess (Primary deaf)	10:15-10:30 a.m.
Dinner	11:45 a.m.
School	1:00 p.m.
Primary recess	2:00-2:15 p.m.
Primary classes dismissed	3:00 p.m.
All classes dismissed	**4:00 p.m.**
Recreation	4:15 p.m.
Supper	5:45 p.m.
Study hall (intermediate and advanced)	7:00 p.m.
Gym classes	7-9 p.m.
Study hour dismissed	8:00 p.m.
Retire (Small pupils)	7:15 p.m.
Retire (Older pupils)	9:00 p.m.

No classes or study hour on Saturdays

Sunday and Holiday Schedule

Rise	7:00 a.m.
Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School*	9:30 a.m.
Instruction for Catholic pupils*	10:30 a.m.
Dinner	12:30 p.m.
Supper	5:45 p.m.
Retire (Small pupils)	7:15 p.m.
Retire (Older pupils)	9:00 p.m.

*Sunday only

Sample Menu

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
Sunday	Roast Chicken	
Sliced Peaches	Sage Dressing	Spiced Ham
Sugar-Krisp	Mashed Potatoes	Mustard
Milk	Giblet Gravy	Tomato Juice
Coffee Cake	Celery - Olives	Steamed Rice
Butter-Cocoa	Ice Cream	Chocolate Cake
	Bread - Butter - Milk	Bread - Butter - Milk
Monday		Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Oranges	Barbecued Spare Ribs	Dill Pickles
Oatmeal	Riced Potatoes	Cold Tomatoes
Milk	Buttered Carrots	Pears
Toast	Bread Pudding	Gingerbread
Butter-Jam	Rolls - Butter - Milk	Milk
Tuesday	Roast Beef	
Grapefruit Sections	Mashed Potatoes	Boiled Eggs - Fried Potatoes
Rice Krispies	Brown Gravy	Raw Celery and Carrots
Milk	Buttered Corn	Angel Food Cake
Pancakes	Banana - Cream Pie	Fresh Grapes
Syrup-Butter	Bread - Butter - Milk	Bread - Butter - Milk
Wednesday		
Apple Juice	Fried Ham	Spaghetti with meat
Corn Meal Mush	Candied Sweet Potatoes	Tomato Sauce
Milk	Green Beans	Celery
Toast	Cinnamon Rolls	Tapioca Pudding
Butter-Jam	Bread - Butter - Milk	Bread - Butter - Milk
Thursday	Round Steak	
Apricot Juice	Mashed Potatoes	Meat Pie with Biscuits
Wheaties	Buttered Peas	Celery
Milk	Fruit Jello	Canned Cherries
Toast	Whipped Cream	Bread - Butter - Milk
Butter-Jam	Bread - Butter - Milk	
Friday		Vegetable Soup
Orange Juice	Fillet of Sole	Crackers
Cream of Wheat	Baked Potatoes	Peanut Butter
Milk	Health Salad	Cottage Cheese
Toast	Apple Pie	Apples
Butter-Jam	Bread - Butter - Milk	Cookies
		Bread - Butter - Milk
Saturday		Hamburger Patties - Catsup
Grape Juice	Boiled Beef and Noodles	Dill Pickles
Oatmeal	Steamed Potatoes	Sliced Tomatoes & Onions
Milk	Pickled Beets	Pork and Beans
Toast	Butterscotch Pudding	Fruit Cocktail
Butter-Jam	Bread - Butter - Milk	Cinnamon Bread - Butter
		Milk